AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1   1.   (Currently amended) A method for facilitating data stewardship for
2   metadata in a data warehouse system, comprising:
3   ~~allowing a user to create~~ creating metadata, under the control of a user, for
4   use in the data warehouse system;
5   ~~allowing a super user to move~~ moving the metadata, under the control of a
6   super user, into and out of a collection;
7   ~~allowing the super user to assign~~ assigning, under the control of the super
8   user, a data steward for the collection; and
9   ~~allowing the data steward to manipulate~~ manipulating, under the control of
10   the data steward, the metadata in the collection, wherein manipulating the
11   metadata involves securing the metadata and performing administration
12   operations on the collection.

1   2.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising
2   ~~allowing a collection administrator to move~~ moving metadata, under the control of
3   a collection administrator, into and out of the collection.

1   3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data steward
2   includes more than one individual.

1   4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein manipulating the

2   metadata includes editing and deleting the metadata.

1   5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the collection is related

2   to a specified domain.

1   6.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data steward can be

2   a data steward for more than one collection.

1   7.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the super user has

2   access to the metadata within a plurality of collections.

1   8.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metadata can

2   include data descriptions.

1   9.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metadata can

2   include procedures related to the data warehouse system.

1   10.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   ~~allowing the user to create~~ creating, under the control of the user, a new

3   metadata; and

4   ~~allowing the user to request~~ requesting, under the control of the user, that

5   the new metadata be moved to the collection.

1   11.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising

2   ~~allowing the user to manipulate~~ manipulating metadata, under the control of the

3   user, that the user owns and that does not belong to the collection.

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1   12.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising

2   ~~allowing the data steward to create~~ creating metadata, under the control of the data

3   steward, within a folder in the collection, wherein creating metadata within the

4   folder automatically causes the metadata to be added to the collection.

1   13.   (Original) The method of claim 1,

2   wherein only the super user can create/delete a collection; and

3   wherein only the super user can update the collection by moving metadata

4   to/from the collection.

1   14.   (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing

2   instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a

3   method for facilitating data stewardship for metadata in a data warehouse system,

4   the method comprising:

5   ~~allowing a user to create~~ creating metadata, under the control of a user, for

6   use in the data warehouse system;

7   ~~allowing a super user to move~~ moving the metadata, under the control of a

8   super user, into and out of a collection;

9   ~~allowing the super user to assign~~ assigning, under the control of the super

10   user, a data steward for the collection; and

11   ~~allowing the data steward to manipulate~~ manipulating, under the control of

12   the data steward, the metadata in the collection, wherein manipulating the

13   metadata involves securing the metadata and performing administration

14   operations on the collection.

1   15.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of

2   claim 14, the method further comprising ~~allowing a collection administrator to~~

3 ~~move~~ moving metadata, under the control of a collection administrator, into and

4 out of the collection.

1   16.   (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,

2 wherein the data steward includes more than one individual.

1   17.   (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,

2 wherein manipulating the metadata includes editing and deleting the metadata.

1   18.   (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,

2 wherein the collection is related to a specified domain.

1   19.   (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,

2 wherein the data steward can be a data steward for more than one collection.

1   20.   (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,

2 wherein the super user has access to the metadata within a plurality of collections.

1   21.   (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,

2 wherein more than one data steward can be a data steward for a specified

3 collection.

1   22.   (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,

2 wherein the metadata can include procedures related to the data warehouse

3 system.

1   23.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of

2 claim 14, the method further comprising:

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3   ~~allowing the user to create~~ creating, under the control of the user, a new

4 metadata; and

5   ~~allowing the user to request~~ requesting, under the control of the user, that

6 the new metadata be moved to the collection.

1   24.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of

2 claim 14, the method further comprising ~~allowing the user to manipulate~~

3 manipulating metadata, under the control of the user, that the user owns and that

4 does not belong to the collection.

1   25.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of

2 claim 14, the method further comprising ~~allowing the data steward to create~~

3 creating metadata, under the control of the data steward, within a folder in the

4 collection, wherein creating metadata within the folder automatically causes the

5 metadata to be added to the collection.

1   26.   (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,

2   wherein only the super user can create/delete a collection; and

3   wherein only the super user can update the collection by moving metadata

4 to/from the collection.

1   27.   (Currently amended) An apparatus for facilitating data stewardship

2 for metadata in a data warehouse system, comprising:

3   a creating mechanism configured to ~~allow a user to~~ create metadata, under

4 the control of a user, for use in the data warehouse system;

5   a moving mechanism configured to ~~allow a super user to~~ move the

6 metadata, under the control of a super user, into and out of a collection;

7	an assigning mechanism configured to ~~allow the super user to~~ assign,
8	under the control of the super user, a data steward for the collection; and
9	a manipulating mechanism configured to ~~allow the data steward to~~
10	manipulate, under the control of the data steward, the metadata in the collection,
11	wherein manipulating the metadata involves securing the metadata and
12	performing administration operation on the collection.

1	28. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the
2	moving mechanism is further configured to ~~allow a collection administrator to~~
3	move metadata, under the control of a collection administrator, into and out of the
4	collection.

| 1 | 29. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the data steward |
| 2 | includes more than one individual. |

| 1 | 30. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein manipulating the |
| 2 | metadata includes editing and deleting the metadata. |

| 1 | 31. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the collection is |
| 2 | related to a specified domain. |

| 1 | 32. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the data steward can |
| 2 | be a data steward for more than one collection. |

| 1 | 33. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the super user has |
| 2 | access to the metadata within a plurality of collections. |

1   34.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the metadata can

2   include data descriptions.

1   35.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the metadata can

2   include procedures related to the data warehouse system.

1   36.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, further

2   comprising:

3   a metadata creating mechanism configured to ~~allow the user to~~ create,

4   under the control of the user, a new metadata; and

5   a requesting mechanism configured to ~~allow the user to~~ request, under the

6   control of the user, that the new metadata be moved to the collection.

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1   37.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the

2   manipulating mechanism is further configured to ~~allow the user to~~ manipulate

3   metadata, under the control of the user, that the user owns and that does not

4   belong to the collection.

1   38.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the

2   creating mechanism is further configured to ~~allow the data steward to~~ create

3   metadata, under the control of the data steward, within a folder in the collection,

4   wherein creating metadata within the folder automatically causes the metadata to

5   be added to the collection.

1   39.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 27,

2   wherein only the super user can create/delete a collection; and

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3   wherein only the super user can update the collection by moving metadata
4   to/from the collection.